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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/18/05
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 6,10,19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

No antecedent basis is seen for the anchoring devices in claims 6 and 16.

It is not clear what are the structural elements set forth in claims 10, 19-22.

In response to this action, applicant is urged to identify each and every element of the claims, with numerals from the drawings.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9,11-15,17,18, and as best understood, claims 10,16, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Connors (note abstract, lines 3,4; column 4, lines 1-12), teaching applicant's basic device, but not a double chambered compartment, in view of Hunt, teaching the same in fig 2.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to have divided Connors's middle pocket 3, because Hunt recognizes the desirability of dividing a pocket in a similar device.

Claims 1-5,7,8 and as best understood, claims 6,19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Connors in view of Hunt as applied to claim 9

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above, and further in view of Kraft, teaching the use of adjustable straps as a carrying means for a blanket.

In view of the crowded nature of the prior art, claim 1, with limitations to two adjustable backpack-like carrying straps, attached to a generally rectangular outside face of two chambered compartment 6, said straps spaced inwardly from the edges of the generally rectangular outside face, could be allowable over the prior art.

The specification would need to be amended, without introducing new matter, to provide clear antecedent basis for such a new claim.

French et al and Brumfield, are cited as prior art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Grosz whose telephone number is 571-272-7041. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Engle can be reached on 571-272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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